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TAGS: PARM, US, UN

SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: RESOLUTION ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

ADOPTED

REFS: (A) USUN 4662 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 275947 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE I ADOPTED MEXICAN-SWEDISH RES ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) NOVEMBER 18 FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT, INTRODUCED BY UNITED STATES, MANDATING SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROCEED WITH LIMITED STEPS RETAINING MOMENTUM ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES REPORTING INSTRUMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION TO WESTERN DELS BY MEXICAN DEL THAT EASTERN GROUP INTENDED ABSTAIN ON ROB RES TABLED BY MEXICO AND SWEDEN, REPS OF US, UK, FRG AND JAPANESE DELS MET WITH SWEDISH DEL (HAMILTON) MORNING NOVEMBER 17.
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CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR CO-SPONSORS OF RES AS WELL AS IMPORTANT NONALIGNED (PRESUMABLY AT LEAST NIGERIAN AND PERU) HAMILTON REITERATED THAT EASTERN BLOC SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED ON REPORTING INSTRUMENT NOW DESPITE THEIR UNWILLINGNESS JOIN CONCENSUS IN SUPPORT OF RES. HE ADDED THAT CO-SPONSORS INTEND TO PRESS MATTER IN SPECIAL SESSION. HAMILTON WAS ASKED ABOUT

POSTURE OF CO-SPONSORS TOWARD WESTERN AMENDMENT
SIMPLY RECOGNIZING VALUE OF REPORTING INSTRUMENT AND
REQUESTING SYG ASCERTAIN THOSE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN
PILOT TEST OF IT. SWEDE REPORTED CO-SPONSORS
WOULD FORMLY OPPOSE SUCH AMENDMENT.

3. IN FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATION, FRG REP (SCHLIACH) EXPRESSED
PREFERENCE FOR OFFERING NO AMENDMENT; AND UK AGREED.
HOWEVER, US DEL INDICATED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR TABLING
AMENDMENT, AND OTHERS AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR. EXCEPTION WAS
JAPAN (OGISO), WHO FELT CONSTRAINED NOT TO CO-SPONSOR
WITHOUT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO (NEVERTHELESS
JAPANESE DEL MADE HELPFUL SUPPORTING STATEMENT PRIOR TO
VOTES ON AMENDMENT).

4. WESTERN AMENDMENT (TEXT FOLLOWS, PARA 9)
WAS TABLED LATE NOVEMBER 17; AND US MADE INTRODUCTORY
STATEMENT NOV. 18, SUPPORTED BY EC-9 (BELGIUM).IN MOVE TO UNDER-
CUT WESTERN AMENDMENT, MEXICO EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF VALUE
OF REPORTING INSTRUMENT IN PREAMBLE AND REQUESTED
SEPARATE, RECORDED VOTES ON SECTION I (PREAMBULAR) AND SECTIONS
II AND III (OPERATIVE).IN EXPLAININGPOSITION, MEXICO (GARCIA-
ROBLES) NOTED WESTERN POSITION, PARTICULARLY AS SET FORTH IN US
STATEMENT, WAS "MASTERPIECE OF LOGIC AND PERSUASION" BUT
SAID MEXICO WAS DISPOSED WAIT "A LITTLE LONGER" IN HOPE
MAJOR POWERS WILL FIND COMMON BASIS FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS.
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GARCIA-ROBLES INDICATED THAT 1978 COULD BE TIME WHEN
MEXICAN PATIENCE WOULD BE EXHAUSTED.

5. VOTE ON SECTION I OF WESTERN AMENDMENT WAS
103 YES, ONE NO AND 17 ABSTENTIONS. CHINA VOTED
NO; WHILE EASTERN BLOC (LESS ROMANIA), ALGERIA, CUBA,
MAURITANIA, OMAN, PAKISTAN, UGANDA AND DEM. YEMEN
ABSTAINED.

6. VOTE ON SECTIONS II AND III WAS 40 YES
(WESTERN GROUP AND NUMBER OF MOSTLY SMALLER LATIN,
AFRICAN AND ASIA DELS), 4 NO (CHINA, MEXICO, PERU AND
SWEDEN) AND 76 ABSTENTIONS.

7. FINAL VOTE ON RES, INCLUDING AMENDMENT, WAS 109 YES,
2 NO (ALBANIA, CHINA) AND 11 ABSTENTIONS (CUBA, UGANDA, AND
EASTERN BLOC, LESS ROMANIA).

8. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH VOTE FOR OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN
WESTERN AMENDMENT WAS NOT LARGE, FACT REMAINS OVERWHELMING
MAJORITY WENT ON RECORD SUPPORTING VALUE OF MILITARY
EXPENDITURE REPORTING INSTRUMENT. ALSO,

FEW OPPOSED DEGREE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD PILOT
TEST OF INSTRUMENT. SINCE ONLY PERU (WHICH PARTICIPATED
IN 1977 EXPERTS GROUP) AMONG NONALIGNED JOINED MEXICO AND
SWEDEN IN NO VOTE ON OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN AMENDMENT, WE
CONCLUDE LATTER INTENDED TO MAKE CONSCIOUS GESTURE TOWARD
US BY NOT SEEKING WIDER OPPOSITION. ALSO, WE BELIEVE
DEBATE ON RES WILL RESULT IN SOME INCREASE IN PRESSURE ON
SOVIETS TO GO BEYOND SHOPWORN CLAIM THAT CONCENTRATION ON
REPORTING OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES ONLY SERVES TO POSTPONE
AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS.

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9. BEGIN TEXT OF AMENDMENT (A/C.1/32/L.33).

QUOTE: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

I. AFTER THE SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, INSERT A NEW
PARAGRAPH READING AS FOLLOWS:

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF A SATISFACTORY
INSTRUMENT FOR STANDARDIZED REPORTING ON THE MILITARY EXPENDITURES
OF MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY OF THE STATES PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER STATES WITH
COMPARABLE MILITARY EXPENDITURES,

II. AFTER PARAGRAPH 1, INSERT A NEW PARAGRAPH READING AS FOLLOWS:

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASCERTAIN THOSE STATES
WHICH WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT TEST OF THE
REPORTING INSTRUMENT AND TO REPORT ON THIS TO THE SPECIAL
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SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT.

III. TO PARAGRAPH 2, HENCEFORTH PARAGRAPH 3, ADD A NEW CLAUSE
READING AS FOLLOWS:

AND CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRESS MADE IN CARRYING
OUT THE TASK REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE.

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